

THE SERIES BATTING A COMPARISON OF WHITE SOX AND GIANTS



The first of six articles by Paul Purman, West Virginian's sport expert, analyzing and comparing the White Sox and Giants as they approach the world series.

By PAUL PURMAN.

In sizing up the relative strength of two ball clubs there are two main fundamentals to be considered, the offensive strength and defensive strength with incidental, their relative bearing on each other.

These may be divided roughly into sub-divisions; the defensive into the pitching and fielding, the latter into the strength of catching, infield and outfield departments.

The offensive strength of a club may be divided into two component parts, the batting, including the style of attack, and the base running.

In this article I will take up the relative batting strength of the two clubs.

Both clubs are tremendous hitting aggregations, each making second in its league, but each being far out ahead in real swatting strength of what the averages show on account of ability to hit when hits are needed to make runs.

Taking them man by man Joe Jackson stands out, in spite of his puny average this year, as the most dangerous hitter of the lot, a tremendous slugger who is likely to hit anything any time. There is no pitcher who can successfully outguess Jackson, for he bats by natural instinct and is as likely to hit one kind of a ball as another.

The Giants have a slugger of the same type in Zimmerman, a powerful, dangerous, natural batter. There is little to choose from in the attack of the two outfields. Jackson outclasses Robertson, Kauff and Felsch are about evenly matched and George Burns is a much more dangerous man than either Leibold or Shano Collins.

With the exception of the fair corner the White Sox have a trifle the better of the argument in the infield on the offensive, and the edge will be greatly raised if Herzog is unable to play.

Gandil is more consistent with the stick than Holke but his shade is very slight. Collins is more dangerous on attack than Herzog and the brilliant young Risberg, in spite of inexperience is superior to Fletcher. At third Zimmerman is more dangerous than Weaver. McCarty is superior to Schalk in the batting department.

But there is to be considered the method of attack and what the team can do against the kind of pitching which will be sent against them. McGraw undoubtedly will depend upon his three southpaws, Benton, Schupp and Sallee, to stop the White Sox who have been rather weak against fork hand pitching this year. What the Sox fear most is the sweeping cross-bat of Sallee's delivery.

I will write more of this in my article on the pitching.

All in all in attack the White Sox have a slight advantage, so far as theory and average go. This advantage is so slight, however, that the least unlooked-for element might easily disturb it.

Both teams are loaded with temperament, either is likely to go in and knock the hide off the ball or just as likely to miss anything in sight. That's where the question of world series nervousness enters in.

With cold-blooded money players like the Red Sox or Athletics this element never entered, but with clubs like the Giants and Sox it may cut a big figure.

CHICKENS STRANGLED.

GARRETTSVILLE, Ohio.—Two of



Seth Lewis's chickens were strangled by angle-worms they dug out of his garden. The worms wrapped themselves around the chickens' necks, as do boa constrictors.

FELSCH
BAXTER BALL TEAM
DEFEATS WATSON

The Baxter baseball nine went to Watson yesterday afternoon where they played the Watson Consolidation Coal Company team. After nine innings of real live baseball the Baxter team found themselves victorious with a 10-5 score.

The feature of the game was the excellent pitching on the part of Osborn for Baxter who had the Watson lads at his mercy during the entire game. Watson scored five runs after a series of errors and one scratch hit. Osborn, the Baxter twirler has just returned from Cumberland, Md., where during the summer has been playing professional baseball.

Baseball At a Glance

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

National League.
Cincinnati, 4; Pittsburgh, 2.
Cincinnati, 3; Pittsburgh, 2.
St. Louis, 6; Chicago, 0.
No other games scheduled.

American League.
Cleveland, 8; Detroit, 4.
Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 3.

*Ten innings.
No other games scheduled.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

National League.
W. L. Pct.
New York 89 49 .645
Philadelphia 76 59 .562
St. Louis 76 66 .535
Cincinnati 72 70 .507
Chicago 71 70 .501
Brooklyn 63 71 .470
Boston 59 75 .440
Pittsburgh 46 92 .338

American League.
W. L. Pct.
Chicago 94 48 .662
Boston 83 53 .610
Cleveland 78 63 .555
Detroit 70 72 .492
New York 66 72 .478
Washington 65 71 .478
St. Louis 52 90 .360
Philadelphia 49 83 .358

GAMES SCHEDULED TODAY

National League.
Boston at Pittsburgh.
New York at Chicago.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati.

American League.
Boston at New York.
Philadelphia at Washington.

NOTICE.

My wife, Sarah Maloney has left my bed and board, and the public is hereby notified that I will not be responsible for any debts she contracts.

JAMES MALONEY.
Hutchinson, W. Va., Sept. 10, 1917.

MONONGAH

Alleys Opened.
At the Monongah bowling alleys the actual winter bowling season has begun. Two excellent leagues were organized last year, with free prizes of over \$200. This year Managers Wolfe and Kidder are planning even more extensive programs for the lovers of the winter sport.

Returned Home.

Miss Bernice Spragg returned to her home in Monongah yesterday evening after visiting relatives in Bellaire, O., for over two weeks. While away she also visited in Benwood, W. Va.

At the Capital.

Albert James is in Washington, D. C., visiting friends and relatives. After a visit of about ten days in that city he will return to Monongah to enter the Thoburn high school.

Personals.

Miss Martha Watkins of Shinnston was in Monongah during the week visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Ruth Keim was in Clarksburg spending Sunday with friends.

Miss Lola Swager of Clarksburg was among the Monongah business callers here Saturday.

Miss Gail Grant of Fairmont was in Monongah during the week attending to shopping.

Miss Agnes Moran of Clarksburg, was in Monongah during the week end calling on friends.

Miss Bettie Rinehardt of near Everson was calling on friends and relatives here.

John Phillips was among the Monongah business transactors in Fairmont this morning.

Misses Josephine and Pauline Gaskins of Grafton were in town during the week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gaskins of Brookdale.

Miss Nell Anderson who was last year employed at the local millinery store returned yesterday evening to resume her work during the fall season.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Vaughn of Ida May were in Monongah during the week calling on friends.

Miss L. Tucker of Fairmont was in Monongah calling on friends.

Joe Farrell of Chelfton was in Monongah yesterday as a social caller. Jacob Watkins of Fairmont was in Monongah yesterday afternoon calling on relatives.

Miss Anna and Sadie Olier of Fairmont were in Monongah during the week calling on friends.

Miss Christine Burkle of Fairmont was among the out of town callers here during the week.

Miss Hallie Orr has returned after a several weeks visit in Rowlesburg. Mrs. W. I. Canter and daughter of Clarksburg were in Monongah during the week attending to shopping.

FAIRVIEW

Mrs. Mazella Barto and sister, Mrs. W. D. Yost, were week end guests of their sister, Mrs. Albert Porterfield at Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Carl Hamilton, Mrs. Ollie Toothman, Mrs. Margaret Snodgrass, Mrs. C. M. Clelland, W. D. Ice, Irvin Toothman and Clyde Tennant attended the Clarksburg fair Wednesday.

Mrs. Elihu Yost was a week end visitor at Fairmont.

Earl Fox and Miss Marie Greaser, two popular young people, went to



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"A Department Store"

Hartleys Fairmont W. Va. Hartleys

Oakland, Md., Wednesday and were married. Earl Fox is the son of R. A. son Fox and Miss Greaser is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greaser. They have the best wishes of their friends.

Miss Sallie Martin was a week and guest of her cousin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Veach at Farmington.

The recital of Mrs. Josephine Haymond at the M. E. church Thursday night was largely attended and very much enjoyed by every one present. The young people should be congratulated upon the success of the entertainment.

Mrs. Retta Cook Purdie, of Ohio, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Cook on R. F. D. No. 1.
Dr. Willie Kirk, of Baltimore, is visiting at Fairmont.

Rev. R. D. Hall, of Bassettville, was initiated by the K. of P. Thursday night and after the work was completed refreshments were served and speeches were made by Rev. R. D. Hall and Rev. C. N. Coffman and a social hour was spent.

Mrs. Clyde Machesney, Mrs. Luc Lynette, Mrs. A. J. Snyder and Mr. J. E. Sutton were at Fairmont shopping Thursday.

John Shore has returned from Alliance, O., where he had visited his sister, Mrs. Wm. Kirschner.

SQUIRREL FOOD—BY AHERN.

